

Whereas, Dawn Dowdy is a dedicated Track Coach for Hamilton High School. Dawn has redefined the term "dedication" and has not let the fact that Hamilton High does not have a track on campus hinder her students from reaching personal goals and competing in regional competitions.

Whereas, Dawn has not allowed substantial budget cuts deter her from attracting a high number of students into her program. She has orchestrated fundraising to ensure students have the means to participate and takes a personal interest in each student to make sure they keep up with their academics. Some of her students have competed in the State Finals and obtained college scholarship funds.

Whereas, Hamilton City is a small, tight-knit community of 2,000. Dawn's ability to mentor, motivate and maximize students' potential on and off the Track is priceless.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Dawn Dowdy.

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA WILLIAMS AND THE AUSTIN PEOPLES ACTION CENTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, for more than thirty-five years the Austin Peoples Action Center (APAC) has been an integral part of the Austin community. Organized principally by the Williams family and parishioners of the Third Unitarian Church, APAC has grown to become one of the premier social service agencies in the state of Illinois, and its principal staff person Ms. Cynthia Williams is known as one of the most effective agency directors in the state. As a social service agency, APAC provides quality health and human services to thousands of Chicago's neediest residents, including people with disabilities, seniors at risk, children, youth and adults with mental illness and substance abuse problems. APAC is known for having the largest women, infants and children's program in the state of Illinois and I might add the most effective. For thirty-five years of great leadership and community service I commend Cynthia Williams and the Austin Peoples Action Center for their contributions to improving the quality of life for Chicago residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF JADEN MERRICK'S WORLD RECORD SETTING RACE TIME FOR THE HALF MARATHON IN THE 7-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a young constituent of mine—Jaden Merrick from Cedar Falls, Iowa—on his world record setting race time for the half marathon in the 7-year-old age group.

On September 12, 2015, Jaden raced in the Cedar Valley Park-to-Park Half Marathon in

Waterloo, Iowa. Jaden, having already raced to a world record for his age group in last year's Park-to-Park 5K, rewrote the record books again—completing the half marathon in an astounding one hour, 43 minutes, and 34 seconds.

In addition to his remarkable race times, the local running community recognizes Jaden by his signature smile. He simply beams through every step of the race and his enthusiasm is undiminished despite the distances. He is an exceptional young man who enjoys having fun while competing.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Jaden and wish him well as he prepares to compete in the Junior Olympics for cross country and track in the upcoming spring. I would also like to congratulate Jaden's parents Brent and Sabina, on their perpetual support of their son and their encouragement of his talents.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF FORMER INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a respected public servant and outstanding citizen, former Indiana State Representative, William A. Crawford.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Representative Crawford is one such great soul, who served humanity in a special way. He spent his entire life dedicated to public service, pushing a message of equality and justice during his 40 years in the Indiana General Assembly.

On a personal note, Representative Crawford was a dear friend and mentor who I was privileged to know from a very young age. I have fond memories of getting to know 'Bill' as he served alongside my grandmother during her time at the Statehouse. With Bill's passing, our state has lost a champion, our city has lost a leader, and I have lost a friend.

Revered as the most influential African-American state lawmaker in Indiana's history, Representative Crawford made sure that African-American Hoosiers had a voice in government. He was the first African-American lawmaker to serve as chairman of the powerful and influential Indiana House Ways and Means Committee and was critical in starting the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus.

Representative Crawford was destined to lead and when he spoke people listened. He was inspired to serve by the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was present on April 4, 1968, and heard Senator Robert Kennedy's words at 17th and Broadway in Indianapolis announcing the death of Dr. King. Being there that night helped shape his career as an activist and led to his passionate work on behalf of the Kennedy/King Memorial on that historic site. Among his accomplishments was increasing minority enrollment at Ivy Tech Community College and creating the Indiana Black Expo into the institution it is today.

I extend my greatest sympathy to his wife Bernice, children Darren, Sr., Michael, Kim and Monica. I pray that God rests his soul and gives peace and comfort to his family and friends.

HONORING DEIDRE ROBINSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Deidre Robinson, a business leader and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Deidre Robinson was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Deidre Robinson has worked tirelessly for over 20 years as a diverse leader of relationship-building and strategic alliances. Deidre's community service and volunteerism starts in Solano County and reaches as far as the San Francisco Bay Area. She recognizes the impact that others have had on her life and career and her passion for volunteerism, leadership, and commitment are based on a vision that is driven by personal experiences.

Whereas, her volunteer contributions to organizations such as CoachArt, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Kid Fest, Relay for Life, and other groups are remarkable. In addition, Deidre is also the Vice Treasurer of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Tau Upsilon Omega Chapter, for which she provides volunteer services to students and young adult women through mentoring and workshops on leadership. Recently, Deidre was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the California Board of Accountancy.

Whereas, as a single mother of two, nothing has prevented Deidre from achieving monumental milestones both professionally and personally. She has been a role model for both her children and the community.

Resolved, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Deidre Robinson.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR WILLIAM "BILL" CONKLIN NOSKER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major William "Bill" Conklin Nosker. Bill was a member of the 1939 Ohio State Football Big Ten Championship team and a Major in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Bill was born in 1919 in Columbus, Ohio, and later moved to Upper Arlington. He was an active high school athlete, earning 14 varsity letters in four sports. He became one of the first athletes from Upper Arlington to play football at a major university and earned varsity letters three years at The Ohio State University. In 1940, Bill was named to the honorary All-Big Ten Team.